



To Members of the European Parliament  
European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz 60  
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Dear Member of the European Parliament,

In view of this week's plenary vote on the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), BUSINESSEUROPE would like to reiterate its support of the need for coordinated solutions with other trading partners against counterfeiting and piracy through ACTA<sup>1</sup>.

This is a global scourge that threatens the health and safety of consumers, destroys thousands of jobs and supports the most contemptible criminal activity. We regret that the parliamentary debate has become so controversial and maybe on the verge of voting against ACTA.

Even though we fully recognise the role of the European Parliament in international trade negotiations, we call on you to think about the political and economic consequences of such a rejection.

We urge you to support any initiative allowing the European Parliament to take into account a pending opinion of the Court of Justice of the EU before its final vote.

We thank you in advance for taking into considerations our views.

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Buck

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<sup>1</sup> The Polish Confederation of Private Employers Lewiatan recognizes the importance of intellectual property rights and supports measures to fight counterfeiting and piracy. Nevertheless, in Lewiatan's opinion ACTA is not an appropriate tool to achieve these goals in the digital environment.